(*b*) whether Mr. C. Krishnan, the Editor of the *Mitavadi*, had made any such complaint to the local authorities and whether any enquiry has been made thereon ; and

(*c*) whether the Government will consider the desirability of warning the Calicut Police against such interference in future ?

*A.*—(*a*) No.

(*b*) The Government have no information.

(*c*) The Government are unaware of any necessity for such a warning.

## Floods

*Floods in the Vizagapatam district.*

* 730-A *Q.*—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number and names of villages in the Vizagapatam district affected by the recent rains and floods ;

(*b*) whether the floods were the result of the rains in the hills or whether they were also due to the breaches of any tanks ;

(*c*) the extent of damage with reference to
- (i) loss of human life,
- (ii) loss of cattle,
- (iii) loss of crops,
- (iv) loss of houses,
- (v) loss of roads and communications,
- (vi) loss of irrigation sources ;

(*d*) whether the Government have received any reports from the local officers about the damage and if so, whether the same will be placed on the Council table ;

(*e*) whether any relief measures have been taken or proposed to be taken to give relief in the affected area ; and

(*f*) whether the Government have sanctioned any contributions towards relief of the affected area in the Vizagapatam district ?

*A.*—(*a*) 'Affected' is a somewhat general term. The Collector's report mentions places where serious damage was caused by the floods.

(*b*) *to* (*f*) The hon. Member is referred to the report [a] of the Collector of Vizagapatam, dated 7th November 1928, and the Government orders [a] on the subject that have been placed on the table of the House.

*Damages by floods in Peddapur, Tuni and other taluks in East Godavari district.*

* 730-B *Q.*—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether on account of the recent rain and floods there was heavy damage in the Peddapur, Pithapur, Tuni, Cocanada and Ramachandrapur taluks of the East Godavari district ;

[a] Laid on the table on the 26th November 1928.

(b) whether the inundation was due to the breaches of any tank and if so which;

(c) whether the breaches were involuntary or purposely caused by the people for letting out water;

(d) the number and names of villages evacuated and those partially affected;

(e) the extent of the crops submerged and washed away;

(f) the extent of loss in live-stock;

(g) the extent of roads breached or otherwise damaged; and

(h) the extent of damage caused by the interception of village communications and roads?

A.—(a) to (g) The Collector's report,[a] dated 9th November 1928, which has been placed on the table of the House, contains the latest information that has been received on the various matters referred to.

(h) The Government are unable to estimate consequential damage of this character.

*Damage to crops by floods in the East Godavari district.*

*730-C Q.—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that crops in certain villages have been completely damaged in the Cocanada, Pithapur, Tuni, Peddapur and Ramachandrapur taluks of the East Godavari district on account of the recent rains and floods;

(b) whether a detailed report of the extent of damage done to the crops on account of the recent rains and floods has been received by the Government; and if so, whether the same will be placed on the table of the House; and

(c) whether the Government propose to grant remission of land revenue and water-tax to the affected lands?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member is referred to the report[a] of the Collector of East Godavari, dated 9th November 1928, which has been placed on the table of the House.

(c) Remissions if necessary will be granted in accordance with the rules on the subject.

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu:—"May I know if the Government are aware, with reference to the damage caused by the recent floods, that large tracts of land have been sanded up? Will they call for a report in the matter?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"If large tracts of land have been sanded up, they will get remission. I do not know why the hon. Member puts this question."

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu:—"Because the reports already published do not mention this?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"Instructions will be issued in the matter of remission."

[a] Laid on the table on the 26th November 1928.